



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. MBHB00-593)

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) Group Art Unit: 2852
) Examiner: Unassigned
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-identified patent application:

 - Form PTO-1449 including (2 cited references);
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In the Application of:)
Edward M. Housel) Group Art Unit: 2852
Serial No.: 09/691,332) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: October 18, 2000)
For: AUTOMATIC LAYOUT METHOD)
FOR FULL-BLEED PRINTING)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.98, and in accordance with the duty of candor set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicant wishes to make the following references of record in the above-identified application. Copies of the references cited below are enclosed along with a copy of completed Form PTO-1449.

CITED REFERENCES

I. U. S. Patent Documents

<u>Document</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
5,223,939	6/29/1993	Imaizumi et al.
5,631,747	5/20/1997	Farrell et al.

II. Discussion

In the judgment of the undersigned, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the

references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in

particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance between references, whether

cited in this statement or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed

references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102.

In accordance with MPEP Sections 609 and 707.05(b), it is requested the document cited

(including any cited in applicant's specification which is not repeated on the attached Form PTO-

1449) be given thorough consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of

the present application by initialing on Form PTO-1449. Such initialing is requested even if the

Examiner does not consider a cited document to be sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or

otherwise does not consider it to be prior art for any reason, or even if the Examiner does not

believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with. This is requested so that

each document becomes listed on the face of the patent issuing on the present application.

Respectfully submitted

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	1	5,223,939	6/29/1993	lmaizumi et al.			
	2	5,631,747	5/20/1997	Farrell et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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